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Mr. James I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Palmer:

The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, pursuant to Section 175A(b) of the Clean Air Act, hereby submits to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a formal revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Specifically, Kentucky wishes to redesignate the Kentucky portion of the Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY, nonattainment area (Boyd County, Kentucky) as attainment for the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. This request includes:

- Current ozone monitoring data demonstrating attainment of the ambient standard;
- A 2002 emissions inventory; and
- Kentucky's plan to maintain the 8-hour ozone standard, including a projected emissions inventory through 2018 showing maintenance of emission levels.

To expedite the review and approval of this SIP revision, the Cabinet requests EPA parallel process this submittal. Five copies of the proposed revision are enclosed. A public hearing notice, which indicates the time and location of a public hearing to receive comments on this SIP revision, is enclosed. The Cabinet's response to information received during the public comment period will be provided in a subsequent submittal.

Your prompt consideration of this request is appreciated. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact Lona Brewer at the Division for Air Quality at (502) 573-3382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Clay".

John W. Clay
Deputy Secretary

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Enclosures
cc: Kay Prince